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In re the Application of: **YAMAJI, et al.**

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Serial No.: **09/437,296**

Examiner: **DUNWOODY, Aaron M.**

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For: **FLUID COUPLING**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -
GROUP ART UNIT 3679

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated **July 17, 2006**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: